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## ALMA REPUBLICS IN LEAGUE BALL

Truckmakers Have Played Four Games and Won One. Finishing First of Season.

## NEW PLAYERS ARE COMING

With Johnston on Mound Alma Walked on Flint Vehicles on the Fourth.

The Alma Republics lost the opening game in the Michigan state league Saturday by blowing in the seventh inning, after having played seventh baseball up to that time, and Flint romped home on the long end of a 9 to 0 score.

When Alma blew in the seventh, and handed Flint three runs, it was off as far as a chance for winning remained, as the truckers could not connect with the offering of Redman, the Flint batter, only one hit coming to Alma the entire game. As a result Johnston cased up, and the Vehicles scored six runs in the ninth on five hits, indicating that poor fielding also aided the enemy in this round.

A couple times before the seventh Johnston was in trouble with men on second, but both times the former collegian pulled out, usually by striking out the opposing batters, and drew considerable applause from the large crowd because of his work.

In the seventh Johnston hit a man, the second got a scratch hit on what should have been a forced run. An error by Claire at second gave the visitors a run and a single gave them another, following which a couple more errors were mixed into the play, giving Flint the third run of the inning and left the Republics without a chance to win.

Until the seventh Johnston had allowed only two hits, and in the seventh the two hits which Flint got would not have produced a run with good fielding, but with Redman airtight Alma's chances were slim in any case.

In the ninth Johnston weakened, and Flint gathered in five hits, one of them a home run by Lotz, which came with the sacks crowded, and four runs scored.

To start the game, Mayor McKinney drew one ball against the Grandstand, following which he pitched another, which the able backstop, President H. M. Crooks of Alma college, caught.

Innings ..... 123456789 R.H.E.  
Alma ..... 00000039699 9 0  
Alma ..... 0000000000 0 1 4

Batteries—Redman and B. Anderson; Johnston and Fitch.

On Sunday, the Alma Republics played Bay City at Bay City and dropped a game there by a score of 2 to 3, three errors in the outfield giving Bay City three runs, which were enough to win the game. Cookingham, in the box for the truckmakers, pitched a fine game allowing only five hits, and except for the three errors which came with men on the sacks, would have won his game. Owing to a rain in the morning, the field was heavy and fast playing was impossible because of this.

The Alma Republics got an even split out of Flint on July 4th. The locals had a much stronger team in the field and should be able to make a great race in the second half which starts Saturday with Saginaw. Johnston won the first out with Flint 4 to 3, and the second went to Flint 4 to 0, with Reese pitching.

Innings ..... 123456789 R.H.E.  
Alma ..... 000000004 4 3 3  
Flint ..... 000100011 3 8 2

Batteries—Johnston and Green; Redmond and Anderson.

Innings ..... 123456789 R.H.E.  
Alma ..... 000000000 0 0 3  
Flint ..... 00010021x 4 8 3

Batteries—Reese and Green; Murphy and Anderson.

Return showing of "Fatty" Arbuckle in "The Butcher Boy"—Idlehour, Saturday.—Adv.

## MITCHELL SELLS OUT

Disposed of Auto Livery to Putman and Bemis.

Leonard Mitchell, who for the past three years has conducted an automobile livery in this city disposed of his business the latter part of last week to Douglas Putman and Lefner Bemis.

Both of the young men, who went into partnership in making the purchase, have been in the employ of Mr. Mitchell for some time and both have proven themselves to be capable men to succeed the veteran auto livery man of this city.

The business will be conducted in the future under the name of Putman & Bemis, and will continue to operate from the Ford garage on East Superior street.

Mr. Mitchell, who is at present taking a rest, after his three years in the livery business, will enter the employ of the Western Carburator company in the near future.

Final chapter of "The Secret Kingdom"—Idlehour, Sunday.—Adv.

## AUTO WENT INTO DITCH

Orr of Republic Plant and Father Both Were Injured.

E. J. Orr, efficiency expert of the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., and his father are reported to have been badly injured Sunday night while returning from Saginaw with Mr. Orr's car.

It seems that when they reached a point this side of Merrill, they started to race another automobile, which had turned out for them. Just as they were passing the car, the driver turned the car and sent it crashing against Orr's machine, which was on the side of the road. Orr's car was sent into the ditch, and both Orr and father were injured. Mrs. Orr, who was also in the machine, was badly shaken up but escaped without injury.

The other car, which is believed to have been coming from Merrill and to have carried a load of men, too drunk to have been allowed to drive a car, did not stop when Orr's car went into the ditch, but kept going; the men evidently not caring how much they injured anyone, provided they could get away with it.

Both E. J. Orr and his father were taken to a hospital in Saginaw following the accident, where they were given care of. It will probably be several days yet before either of them is able to get around.

## EXEMPTIONS FROM SERVICE GIVEN OUT BY PRESIDENT

Local Draft Boards Will Have the Power to Act in Nearly All Cases Given.

President Wilson has issued a proclamation setting forth the exemptions for the coming draft in such a way as to bring the least possible injustice to the men who have responded wholeheartedly to the registration.

The manner of determining the order of liability of the men registered is left to be prescribed later, but the method of arriving at exemptions is set forth in plain detail.

It has been made clear that there will be no class exemption and that each case must be decided upon its merits. The local boards are to rule on all cases except those based upon industrial or agricultural exemptions, which will be decided by the district boards, as will also the appeals from the local boards.

A date for the call to the colors has not yet been set, but it is expected that the date to be set will be about September 1st. Those listed as exempt in the proclamation are of: (a) the United States and of the several states, regularly ordained ministers and students of divinity, preparing for the ministry May 18, 1917; persons already in the armed forces of the United States; alien enemies and all other aliens who have not taken out their first papers; county and municipal officers and customs house clerks; persons employed in the transmission of the United States mails; workmen in armaments, gun factories, arsenals and navy yards; steamship pilots and mariners actively employed; (b) any married man whose wife or child is dependent upon him; (c) and son of a widow dependent upon him; (d) son of a motherless child; (e) father of a motherless child; (f) children under sixteen years of age dependent upon him; (g) brother or child of children under sixteen years of age, who has neither father nor mother and is or is dependent upon him; members of well organized religious sects, organized or existing before May 18, 1917, whose creed forbids its members to participate in war; moral delinquents (this class includes criminals).

Claims for exemption because of dependants may be made by the man himself, wife, other dependants or a third person, who has personally investigated the case. Supporting affidavits must be furnished.

Final chapter of "The Secret Kingdom"—Idlehour, Sunday.—Adv.

## PATRIOTIC MEETINGS

Two Meetings Will Be Held Here on Friday.

Two patriotic meetings will be held in this city Friday in the interests of the 33rd Michigan infantry, which still needs 300 men to reach full strength as authorized by the war department.

A meeting will be held at noon at the Republic plant, at 12:00, at which time Hon. Fred L. Eaton and Marcus Pollasky will make addresses. The Hon. Francis King will preside at this meeting. Mr. Ruggles, head of the Republic Motor Truck company, favors enlistment, and is encouraging such meetings.

A second meeting will be held in front of the Wright House at 8:00 p. m. Friday evening, with L. A. Sharp presiding. State Senator Eaton and Marcus Pollasky will both make addresses in the evening.

## NOTICE

I herewith announce that I will not be responsible for any debts or bills contracted by my wife after this date, July 1, 1917. (97-3t-c)

L. J. LYON.

## NEW FACTORY COMING HERE

A Steel Products Company Will Locate on Board of Trade Site.

## WILL START BUILDING AT ONCE

Is Second Factory that Reemtsen Has Brought Here in Less than One Year.

True to his promise made some months ago, C. W. Reemtsen, the well known Alma financial agent, has made it possible for this city to secure another industry that will add several hundred working people to Alma's payroll, and aid in increasing the population at the usual ratio which is nine people for each factory employee. The company is a steel products company.

The steel products company in question has been thoroughly investigated by the Alma Board of Trade and it is co-operating with Mr. Reemtsen in raising the fund necessary to finance the production and bring the plant to Alma.

The business interest of the city and the owners of the various subdivisions are happily anticipating future profits and meeting the situation promptly as the canvass is to be completed this week.

The contract for the factory building is to be made at once. It is the intention of the company to ship its machinery to Alma September 1st, and to start production in a large way by October 1st. The factory will have 10,000 square feet of floor space at the start and the probabilities are that this will be greatly increased within a year.

For various reasons it is not wise to mention the name of this corporation or the city from which it is coming, at the present time. This information is being given to those who are being solicited and to such other Alma people as are vitally interested in the growth of the city.

The three acre site selected for the plant is just south of the Ann Arbor railroad coal docks, and the factory will be served by a siding from the Ann Arbor railroad main line. The location of this plant will give more of a balance to the growth of the city and result in a further development towards the south.

## MARRIED QUIETLY

Alma Business Man Shipped One Over His Friends.

Carl Harry of the Eastern Market, one of Alma's well known young men, and Miss Elizabeth Sova, of the accounting department of the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., slipped one over their friends, having been quietly married Thursday, June 21st, at St. Louis.

It was not until Monday of this week that the friends of the couple became aware of the marriage, and while they had been expecting something of this kind to happen, were greatly surprised to find that it had already taken place, and that they were not in on it at all.

When confronted with the charge Monday, Mr. Harry slipped the reporter a cigar, but refused to tell him how he managed to fool the public, so that it is up to the young people of Alma to warn the secret from the newlyweds, provided any of them are desirous of knowing how the stunt can be done so quietly.

## ELECTRIC ROAD

Line From St. Johns to Mt. Pleasant May Be Built.

A meeting of delegations from Maple Rapids, Perrinton, Ithaca and St. Louis met in the offices of Marcus Pollasky last Tuesday to take steps towards an origination looking towards the construction of an electric line from St. Johns to Mt. Pleasant by way of Maple Rapids, Perrinton, Ithaca, St. Louis, Alma and Shepherd.

Mr. Pollasky informs us that practically \$80,000 was pledged in stock, and that papers of organization are being drawn, and that the organization will be completed at a later date.

Mr. Pollasky informed those at the meeting that if \$80,000 of such stock was signed up, the road could be built, as the rest of the money would be taken care of. If things move rapidly, Mr. Pollasky believes that the road can be completed before snow flies.

## SEASON OPENS SATURDAY

The second half of the Michigan state league season will open Saturday with every team starting with a clean slate. Saginaw will play Alma here on Davis field with the game called at 3:00 p. m., and with a number of new men in the lineup the truckmakers expect to put up a good game and get into the fight for the title. The winner of this half of the season will meet Flint in a series at the end of the season to determine the winner of the title, Flint having won the first half.

Norma Talmadge in "Fifty-Fifty"—Idlehour, Saturday.—Adv.

## ANOTHER ON BOARD

C. E. Brown Appointed to Draft Board.

A telegram received here Tuesday from Governor Sleeper announced that the appointment of Charles E. Brown, as a member of the draft board of Gratiot county, had been confirmed by President Woodrow Wilson.

The members of the board are Sheriff Bradford, County Clerk Case, Dr. Wheeler and C. E. Brown.

## ALMA BUSINESS MAN

## PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY

C. A. Sawkins, President Sawkins Piano Company, Died at Home Sunday Night.

Charles A. Sawkins, president of the C. A. Sawkins Piano company, of this city, died suddenly at about 12 o'clock Sunday night, at his home on Center street, of heart failure. He had been in ill health for several years past, but up until the last two months was around on the streets and attending to business. He was fifty years of age.

A few of his friends visited him in the evening until late. He retired about eleven o'clock and at eleven forty he was distressed for want of breath. His wife, who had been with him constantly and was a faithful watcher, heard his heavy breathing and called to him, but received no answer. From that time on until he passed away he was speechless. Rev. J. A. Mulvey was summoned and administered the last rites of the church before he died.

The deceased leaves a wife and seven children—one son and six daughters—besides three brothers, George W. of Toledo, Ohio; J. Oscar of Long Beach, California; and Edward A. of Detroit, to mourn their death.

The services were held in St. Mary's Catholic church on Wednesday morning, at nine o'clock, and interment was made in the Catholic cemetery in this city.

A nephew of the deceased, the Rev. A. J. Sawkins, of Toledo, Ohio, conducted the services which was a solemn Requiem High Mass, the deacon and sub-deacon assisting.

The Mt. Pleasant council of the Knights of Columbus of which he was a member, was in attendance in a body. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: John Burns, Louis J. Hoffstetter and Felix O'Melia of St. Louis; V. P. Cash, Daniel Gaggin and Neil McNamara of Alma.

Charles A. Sawkins was born in Tiffin, Ohio, August 25, 1865. When a child he removed to Toledo with his parents, where he lived a number of years. When a very young man he was connected with the New York Freeman's Journal and Catholic Register. He was employed in the capacity of a reporter and traveling representative and covered nearly the entire United States in this work.

He was for a number of years secretary and treasurer of the North Baltimore and Ohio Furniture company, which company he organized. Later he was engaged in selling pianos. For some time he was manager of the German Piano company of Saginaw, Michigan. From there he went with the Grinnell Brothers of Detroit, and opened the territory in this part of Michigan for them. He spent one summer in Alabama as traveling auditor for the E. E. Forbes Piano company of Birmingham, afterwards returning to his home in St. Louis, where he lived for a number of years.

About two years ago recognizing the growing activity and the prosperous future of Alma, he purchased the victrola business of S. L. Bennett, and recently incorporated the C. A. Sawkins Piano company, of which he was president.

Mr. Sawkins was an exemplary father, being ever watchful in the attending of bringing up his family, to whom he was very much devoted. He and his family were thoroughly Christian and being a pronounced Catholic in faith, he imbued his family with the Christian spirit which betokens good moral and honest conduct.

## ATTENDS ILLINOIS COUNCIL

Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane, chairman Woman's Committee Council National Defense, Michigan division, attended the meeting of the Illinois division of the National Council held in Chicago June 27th and 28th. This convention declared in favor of each group of women first making its own community ready for the stress war will bring upon it. Special effort was promised to protect women in industry, and to prepare for the care of soldiers' families as well as the soldiers themselves.

## GOT SIX MONTHS

Frank Kure, claiming Chicago, Illinois, as his home, was picked up by Deputy Sheriff Clarence Wheeler Monday on a charge of larceny and being found guilty in court, was given six months in which to think it over. Kure is said to have relieved the Alma plant of the Michigan Sugar company of a quantity of brass and copper, and to have stolen a quantity of copper wire at Perrinton.

## FOURTH RACES WELL ATTENDED

Matinee of Alma Driving Club Drew a Couple of Thousand People Out.

## RACES EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD

Proceeds Over Expenses of Conducting the Affair Will Go to the Red Cross.

A crowd of about two thousand people paid to see the races staged here yesterday for the benefit of the Red Cross society, and they were well entertained, the races being the best that the Alma Driving club has ever staged. A neat sum of money was brought in at the gate, and all over the actual expenses goes to the Red Cross.

The summaries follow:

2:17 Pace, Mile Heats.

Anna Mack; driver, McNabb—1-1-1.

Montana Wood; driver, Rohr—2-2-2.

2:20 Pace, Half-mile Heats.

Jeannison; driver, H. Hyde—4-2-3-2.

Bunker Hill; driver, Kinch—1-4-4.

Fair to Medium; driver, H. Hyde—2-1-1-1.

2:25 Pace, Half-mile Heats.

Peter B.; driver, McNabb—4-4-1-1.

Little Jubie; driver, Keen—1-2-2-3-2.

Paradise; driver, Barry—3-3-3-4-3.

Ponchartrian; driver, Rohr—2-1-1-2-4.

## Half-mile Dash.

Bon Ton; rider, Kinch—1-1.

Chapel Boy; rider, Miller—2-2.

In the automobile race for stock cars, B. Youngs, with a Chevrolet, Brown, with a Ford; and Nummer, with a Dorr, were entered, and went three miles on the half-mile track.

Youngs was an easy winner, the time announced being 3:52. Ricker with a racing Ford attempted to better the time of this race but fell down and then C. H. Taylor with his Hudson raced against the time making the three miles in the announced time of 3:02.

## GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Celebrated Golden Wedding Tuesday.

On Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hawley celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, they having been married fifty years July 3rd.

Thirty-two members of the family were here for the celebration which was held in honor of the aged couple, a number being from out of the city. These were Dr. W. A. Gibson, R. A. Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. Perry W. Green of Jackson, Mrs. Martha Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hawley, Mrs. John Kimmel of South Jackson, Mrs. Hattie Hetz of Liberty, Mrs. Richard Cooper of Detroit and Belle Lepper of Detroit.

A fine anniversary dinner was given in the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hawley in honor of the event. The house was prettily decorated in gold and white, and flowers in profusion were spread around the house, giving a very pretty effect. The place cards were photos of the aged couple. Music was furnished during the dinner by Miss Linnie Udelle.

A large number of presents were given Mr. and Mrs. Hawley by their children and grandchildren, and on one of the them was pinned the verse:

"Let me weave a chain of wishes  
Golden wishes bright and gay  
To unite again to heroes,  
On their golden wedding day.  
Let me sing of joy and sunshine  
Sing of happy days my dear  
As I pen my chain of wishes  
To the bride of fifty years."

## NOTICE

The annual meeting of school district No. 1, fractional, of the townships of Arcadia and Pine River, county of Gratiot and state of Michigan, will be held in the high school building in the city of Alma, county and state aforesaid, in said district, on the 9th day of July, A. D. 1917, at 8 o'clock in the evening of said day, for the purpose of electing one trustee for the term of three (3) years, and also for the purpose of voting the sum of two hundred (\$200) dollars to be used by the district board for the purchasing of lots numbered sixty-four (64) and one hundred three (103), both situated and being located in Hillcrest subdivision, Arcadia township, Gratiot county, city of Alma, Michigan; also vote the sum of nineteen hundred (\$1,900) dollars to be used by the aforesaid school board for the erection of a school house, and vote four hundred fifty (\$450) dollars, the sum to be paid by the district board in purchasing the necessary equipment and apparatus for the proposed school situated upon the above described lots.

At this meeting the qualified voters may transact any other business that may lawfully come before it.

Dated this 29th day of June, 1917. (98-1t-c)

A. J. ARCHER, Sec'y.

## NEW ORGANIZATION

Forming First Organization of New National Army.

The western Michigan army recruiting district has been notified that the first voluntary organization of the new "National Army" is now being formed. This organization is to be known as the "Fourth Regiment of Engineers, National Army," and applications for it will be enlisted only for the period of the present emergency.

It is to be filled from the ranks of men who are specially qualified, and only those who are unmarried, between 18 and 40 years of age, and who can present cards from the forest service, will be accepted.

The work to be done by this new regiment will be along special lines, and when formed, it will undoubtedly be one of the most unique and attractive organizations our country has seen since the days of Roosevelt's rough riders.

While we are not at liberty to state just where its first service will be had, that can be easily surmised when the most recent news from across the waters is to the effect that our men are already carrying the stars and stripes under General Pershing in France.

Applications for enlistment in the new rough and ready regiment can be made to any postmaster, or at any army recruiting station.

## COLLEGE ASSEMBLY

STARTS JULY 18TH

Alma College Assembly Succeeds School of Methods for Sunday School Workers.

The Alma college assembly is the new name for an interesting gathering of church folks at Alma July 18-25, which succeeds the Alma school of methods.

For one week leaders in religion and in religious teaching are gathered in over twenty classes in methods of Sunday school and church work, missions, Bible study, with rural church specially stressed. All leaders and speakers remain for a full week, giving daily lectures and conferences. Leaders and lecturers are: Rev. Dr. James H. Snowden, theological professor, Pittsburg; Rev. Dr. C. E. Bradt, field secretary missions, Chicago; Rev. Dr. James M. Barkley, pastor and lecturer, Detroit; Rev. Dr. Horace Cady Wilson, pastor, Lansing; Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Gelston, specialists in young people's work; Rev. Alfred Ray Atwood, Sunday school secretary; Rev. James T. Veneklasen, pastor, Grand Haven; Rev. W. C. McKnight, pastor, Birmingham; Prof. H. M. MacCurdy, science, Alma college; Prof. Harry W. Helmer, athletics and recreation, Alma college; Miss Sara B. Goodman, primary Sunday school work.

The Alma college assembly succeeds the Alma school of methods, which has been conducted here with marked success for the past three years, under the direction of Rev. Alfred Ray Atwood of Lansing. It was founded by him for the more thorough study of the Bible for Sunday school workers and teachers.

## NEW FOUNTAIN

The DeLuxe Candy company has just received the finest soda fountain that has ever been in use in Alma. The fountain was received Monday and was immediately uncanted and put in place, and is now in use.

The fountain is a large massive marble affair of a very pleasing design, with room for everything that may possibly be needed around a soda fountain. It is another evidence of the desire of the DeLuxe Candy company to give Alma the best possible.

## SLACKERS ARRESTED

Two Who failed to Register Picked up in Alma.

Walter Dorman of Reed City and William Hoover were picked up by local officers last week, for failing to register June 5th, at the general registration day, and are being held in the county jail for federal officers.

The arrest of these two young men brings the total to three arrested here for failure to comply with the law in regard to registration, as ordered by the president, following the passage of the bill in congress and its approval.

It is understood that the officers here are seeking for another young man, who it is alleged, failed to register June 5th.

## TAX NOTICE

Taxes will be received by the city treasurer at his office at Wright's furniture store, 111-113 W. Superior street, from July 15th to September 1st, and at the city hall from September 1st to the 15th. Four per cent will be added after September 15th.

G. V. WRIGHT,  
City Treasurer.

Return showing of "Fatty" Arbuckle in "The Butcher Boy"—Idlehour, Saturday.—Adv.

## WILL VOTE ON A NEW SCHOOL

District Voters Will Also Be Asked to Purchase a Site Building.

## SITE IN HILLCREST ADDITION

Crowded Condition of Public Schools Makes Need of New School Building for Alma.

The proposition of voting money for the purchase of a school site and also for the erection of a ward school for the fractional district of Arcadia and Pine River townships, will come before the annual meeting of the voters of the district, which will be held in the high school auditorium July 9th.

The site which has been settled upon is in the Hillcrest addition, in the southern part of the city. Conditional on the purchase of lot 61 in this addition, the school board will be given lot 102, which consists of nearly an acre of land. One of the ideas in purchasing lot 61 is to have a place on which to move the school at such a time as a larger school is needed and it is believed that in this way the cost of the school which is now wanted will be entirely repaid, as the temporary school now wanted will then be changed into a residence on lot 61 and sold.

It is also planned to ask the voters for the sum of \$1,900 for the erection of the temporary school. The board will also ask for the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars with which to equip the school, which will be used this fall if the money is voted by the district.

There seems to be no question but what sooner or later the growth of the city will go more rapidly to the south than at present, at which time a permanent building will be needed in that section of the city, and with this end in view the board wants to prepare to change over the temporary building into a residence, and realize the most money possible from the proposed investment of the present.

The gift of lot 103 in Hillcrest addition comes from the owners, who are P. W. Creaser, Hira C. Moore and J. D. Sullivan. The way the offer has come from these gentlemen gives the city a chance to acquire a site cheaply, and also a school house for temporary use on which it probably will realize every dollar invested when a permanent school is needed.

## McKINNEY IS PRESIDENT

Mayor Elected to Head Republic Baseball Club.

At a meeting held Monday afternoon, Mayor Ira H. McKinney of this city was elected to head the Alma Republic baseball club, which has gone into the Michigan State league.

Following the election of Mayor McKinney as president of the club, L. R. Brown was elected vice-president, A. J. Archer, treasurer; George Harmon, secretary; and J. L. Hoyt, manager.

Following the meeting the Record reporter was informed that when the second half of the league season started this week that new faces would be seen on the ball team and that new men of ability would be secured as rapidly as possible, to give Alma a team that would make a hot fight for the title.

Joe Crockett of the South Bend Central league club, a pitcher; M. McHale, a third sacker from the Central league; Chilton, an outfielder, from the old South Michigan league, and Henry, an outfielder, from the Western league, and Reese, pitcher, whom the Tigers have a string on, are among those that may appear on the Alma Republic team, in the effort to produce a winner.

## IN NEW LOCATION

Garden Furniture and Milling Works in Own Building.